

## Message Text

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ACTION MED-03

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FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 658

PHS

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMED, CASC, TBIO, CE

SUBJ: REPORT OF CHOLERA

DEPT FOR DG/MED

PHS FOR FQ

NEW DELHI FOR DR ETZEL

REF: COLOMBO 2965, NOV 29, 1973

1. REFTEL STATED EMBASSY WOULD MAKE FURTHER REPORT ONLY IF CHOLERA SITUATION CHANGED FOR WORSE. SINCE DATE REFTEL, OCCASIONAL REPORTS OF CHOLERA CASES HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS. HOWEVER, IN RECENT WEEKS CHOLERA HAS REACHED COLOMBO AND SEEMS TO BE SPREADING AND INCIDENCE OF THIS DISEASE MAY REACH SEVERE PROPORTION.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE VERIFY TOTAL NUMBER RECENT CASES WITH HEALTH MINISTRY OFFICIALS. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE TOTAL NUMBER CASES SINCE FIRST OF YEAR NOW 143 AND DEATH RATE IS AROUND 10 PERCENT. THESE REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT WITHIN COLOMBO CITY LIMITS, NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES IS 50, WITH FIVE DEATHS.

3. EMBASSY PROGRAM OF INOCULATION WAS COMPLETED EARLIER.

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AMERICAN PERSONNEL, LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND

THEIR FAMILIES WHO SO DESIRED AND FOOD-HANDLING SERVANTS OF  
AMERICAN STAFF WERE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM. SUGGEST  
ALL TOURISTS TO SRI LANKA BE ADVISED TO HAVE UP-TO-DATE CHOLERA  
INOCULATION.  
VAN HOLLEN

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